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BARABT'SK' FISH INDUSTRY NEEDS DEVELOPMENT -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 130,
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The lakes in the Barabinsk Steppe, Novosibirsk Oblast, could provide a yearly fish catch of many thousand centners, double the amount now caught by all fishing enterprises on the lakes and by the local population. Due to the lowering of the water level between 1925 and 1945, particularly in the Bol'shiye and Malye Chany lakes, the fish industry has gradually declined. However, beginning in 1945, the climatic conditions of the steppe have undergone a marked change. The climate of Siberia, particularly of Vasyugan' and Baraba, become more humid, and the water level of Chany Lake rose almost 2 meters, providing highly favorable conditions for rapid multiplying of the main species of fish (roach, bream, and ide). The fish catch rose sharply in 1948. During these years, there has been a decided increase in Balkhash carp in Lake Sartlan and in bream in Lake Ubinskoye.

These developments point to rapid multiplying in the local species of fish and the potential development of fisheries to the maximum degree. The development of the fish industry in the steppe is of prime importance to the region and to the national economy. One of the first tasks is to build bases for processing fish, since the old facilities have become run down and need considerable reconstruction and expansion. -- L. Reshetnikov, chief, "Sibiryvod" (Siberian Administration of Pisciculture and Fish Industry Development)

AMUR FISH PLANT GETS NEW WORKERS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 130,
4 Jun 49

Bogorodskoye-on-Amur -- A large group of workers from the southern regions of the USSR have arrived for work as fishermen at the Mariinskiy Fish Plant. The new workers, arriving at the height of the season, were immediately put to work, and in a few days developed a number of leading fishermen in their group.

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KAMCHATKA FISHING LAGS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 727

Collective fisheries in Petropavlovskiy Rayon, Kamchatka, scheduled to catch 30 percent more fish than in 1948. The plan must considerably increase fleet operations in order to achieve this of cod. At present, the catch is far below last year's level. The plan was completed only 50-percent and the catch was more than 100 percenters short of the state plan. The failure to make full use of the fleet has resulted in a loss of 100 - 150 centners of fish per ship per day. If all "kawasaki" type of fishing boat made at the Kawasaki Shipyards, Japan had been used from the first few days in May, the minimum daily catch per ship of 10 - 15 centners could have been accomplished and the month plan completed.

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The entire fleet is now concentrated at the fish plants of the Avachinskiy Combine in Zhirovaya Bay, from which base the fishermen operate. Labor discipline among the fishing brigades is generally weak because chairmen of collective fisheries and directors of the Union of Collective Fishermen have not appeared on the job to direct operations.

SOME OKHOTSK FISHERIES NEAR 1949 GOAL -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 127, 1 Jun 49

Okhotsk -- The Urakskiy Fish Combine is making progress in its effort to complete the year plan ahead of schedule, and had caught nearly 17,000 centners of herring by 28 May. Fishermen of the Tsentral'nyy and Zapadnyy plants of the combine have also had great success, and are now nearing completion of the year plan. The Ul'inskiy Combine has already caught 8,270 centners of herring.

FISH COMBINE TOPS YEAR PLAN -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 142, 20 Jul 49

Forty-nine fishing brigades under the Ministry of Fish Industry, Karelo-Finnish SSR, are competing for an early fulfillment of the 1949 plan. The Petrozavodsk Fish Combine has achieved the best results, having fulfilled the year plan 147.2 percent in 6 months. The fishing brigade of Vygozerskiy Fish Plant has also been very successful, having completed the year plan 114.7 percent. Twenty-six brigades have exceeded the 6-month plans.

WHITE GRAMPUSES CAUGHT IN CHUMIKAN BAY -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 166, 14 Jul 49

Chumikan, Nizhne-Amur Oblast -- Schools of white grampuses have appeared in Chumikan Bay and fishing brigades have begun to operate in this area. One brigade caught 80 grampuses on the first day, with a total weight of 480 centners.

WHITE GRAMPUS FISHING IN THE WHITE SEA -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 142, 20 Jul 49

During the summer months, large schools of white grampuses have appeared in the Yukovo area of the White Sea. Fishermen of the Collective Fishery imeni Kalevala caught 40 grampuses in a short time. Over 6 tons of meat were delivered to the collection center.

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